of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the average cost and time over-run per project in the Super Bazar during the Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans;

(b) the reasons for higher cost over-run and time over-run for projects; and

(c) measures taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) to (c) It has been reported by the Super Bazar that no such projects have been taken up by them for which calculations of cost and time overrun is possible.

Rigid Labour Laws and Economic Growth

85. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the press newsitem captioned "Age old rigid labour laws stunting economic growth: Experts," as reported in Statesman dated 14.11.95;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to revamp labour and Industrial relation laws to create more jobs and make laws more market oriented; and

(c) the reaction of Government on such views expressed by Experts?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Based on the Recommendations made by the Ramanujam Committee on the New Industrial Relations Law, the deliberations held at various forums and after taking into consideration the recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Groups on Industrial Restructuring, specific proposals to amend the Industrial Disputes Act 1947 have been considered for finalisation at the appropriate time.

Computerisation of Public Distribution System

86. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to computerise Public Distribution System (PDS);

(b) if so, the States and Union Territories where the PDS has been computerised;

(c) the date by which the entire country can be brought under computerisation in the matter of PDS;

(d) the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) to (d) National Informatics Centre (NIC) has its network upto district level all over the country. State Governments have been advised to use the facilities of NIC for computerisation and transmission of data relating to the Public Distribution System (PDS). Central Government has designed a Managment Information System for computerisation of PDS data which has been circulated to all the State Governments. No definite date can be set for computerisation of PDS data in all the States and UTs, as the decision in this regard has to be taken by the State Government/UT Administrations.

Ban on Strikes

87. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban strikes by bringing a number of